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SUBJ: PM GAIRY REQUESTS MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT FOR FINANCE
MINISTER TO DISCUSS BILATERAL AID

1. OFFICIAL OF GOG'S OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DELIVERED PERSONAL LETTER FROM PM ERIC GAIRY TO ME MARCH 14. LETTER REQUESTS MY "GOOD OFFICES" IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS FOR PROPOSED THREE-MAN GOG DELEGATION, HEADED BY FINANCE MINISTER, TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF BILATERAL AID FOR GRENADA "IN LIGHT OF SIGNIFICANT FALL IN REVENUE AS RESULT OF RECENT UNREST AND CONTINUED CLOSURE OF PORT." WHILE STATING THAT HE APPRECIATES CONSTRAINTS ON US BILATERAL ASSISTANCE, PM GAIRY EMPHASIZES THAT GRENADA'S CASE EXTRAORDINARY, "BROUGHT ABOUT BY COMMUNISTIC AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES." IN CONSEQUENCE, GOG FINDING IT "EXTREMELY DIFFICULT" TO MEET RECURRENT EXPENDITURES, PARTICULARLY CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES. LETTER CLOSES BY ASKING THAT WE TREAT REQUEST WITH GREATEST URGENCY AND OUR USUAL SYMPATHY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: CLEARLY IT WILL BE POINTLESS FOR GOG TO SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON IF OUTCOME OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS ALREADY PREDETERMINED. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF PERSONAL NATURE OF PM'S REQUEST TO ME AND FOR SAKE OF FORMALITY, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT CABLE FORMAL REPLY WHICH WE MAY IN TURN MAY CONVEY TO HIM.

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